

## PLEA OF INSANITY FOR HARRY THAW

Alienists Declare He Shows  
Symptoms of Paresis.

Bits of History That Disclose Life of  
Bizarre and Sensational—Their  
Romance.

### HIGH LIFE IN PITTSBURG.

New York, June 27.—Harry Kendall Thaw, of Pittsburg, brother of the Countess of Yarmouth, who shot and killed Stanford White, the noted architect, last night, is a prisoner in the Tombs today. Thaw admits the killing, pleading that his act was justified; that he had wrecked the life of his wife, the beautiful Florence Evelyn Nesbitt, whose marriage to Thaw scarcely more than a year ago was one of the sensations of the time.

The coroner set the inquest for Thursday and counsel on both sides desired that the case be submitted to this month's grand jury.

Thaw's defense probably will be insanity, and already three noted alienists have been called in to report on his mental condition.

### Not a Surprise.

The tragedy, while a shock to the friends and acquaintances, is not a mystery. It is known that between Mr. White and Mr. Thaw particularly on the part of the latter for the past several years, there has been the intensest of bitter feeling.

It dates back almost before the marriage of Mr. Thaw and Evelyn Nesbitt, who was known on the stage for her beautiful face and figure.

Mr. Thaw inherited in trust the income of several million dollars from his father, who was a wealthy man of Pittsburg. He is about 39 years old and has lived an eventful life. He has a brother and a sister, who is the Countess of Yarmouth.

Mr. Thaw and Miss Nesbitt have been married more than two years.

### Thaw's Escapades.

When the older Thaw died some twelve years ago, he left a fortune valued at \$40,000,000. Harry K. Thaw's yearly income, even though his allowance had not increased since the death of his father, is about \$250,000. But had his father's will been carried out his allowance would have been cut down to \$2,500 until he was thirty-five years old, when he was to receive his full allowance. His mother, who thought her boy had been dealt with too harshly, pleaded with his brothers and sisters, and the will was set aside. Since then it has cost Mrs. Thaw not less than a million to get her son out and keep him out of sensational escapades.

Thaw is credited with the coup which landed the impecunious Earl of Yarmouth in his family.

The first shot in the campaign to capture the man with the title was made in Paris, where Harry Thaw put up \$25,000 for a dinner, to which were invited the famous beauties of Paris. A chef who cooked for his imperial majesty the czar prepared the dishes personally.

Then came the trip to Pittsburg. Harry Thaw's niece, Miss Byrd Thaw, spurred the belted earl, but not so his sister Alice, whose sole amusement was dogs. She had never gone into society. She was soon heard over heels in love with the nobleman, and was willing to give him her life and fortune.

### Bit of Family History.

In talking over the shooting last night at Madison Square Garden, New York, of Stanford White, by Harry Thaw, a Pittsburger at one of the local hotels who does not care to have his name connected with the story, gave the following interesting facts concerning the cause of Thaw's trouble:

"Away back in his early life Thaw met Evelyn Nesbitt, then a young slip of a girl romping around Barfoot Square, in lower Allegheny, the place made famous by the early homes of Andrew Carnegie, Henry Phipps and William Thaw, Sr., the founder of the Thaw millions. Daily the crowd of school children would play in Barfoot Square and an attachment was seen to exist between Thaw and Miss Nesbitt in their childhood days.

"In the years following Thaw went to other schools and finally to college and apparently the boyhood attachment for Miss Nesbitt was forgotten.

"While witnessing one of Hoyt's plays, Thaw was startled by the beauty of Miss Nesbitt.

"His attention to Evelyn Nesbitt, the actress, from that time was the topic

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of much gossip both in Pittsburg and New York. His mother opposed the match. One chapter in the affair was when Mrs. William Thaw was at the pier of the Hamburg-American line in Hoboken to welcome the return of her son and daughter-in-law. The reconciled party left at once for Pittsburg where Mrs. Thaw, Sr., had planned an elaborate reception for the evening of their arrival. About the time of the arrival of the guests Mrs. Thaw, Sr., became suddenly ill and requested Mrs. Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw to receive her guests.

"Standing at the head of the great marble staircase, in the Thaw reception hall, a marvel of architectural beauty, every piece of which was imported from Italy by the late William Thaw, the younger Mrs. Thaw, then a world renowned beauty, was treated to the most complete snubbing in the history of Pittsburg society. As the Pittsburg matrons and society leaders mounted the great marble stairs and saw Mrs. Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw, alone to receive them, one by one they returned to their carriages without even exchanging salutations."

### White's Friends Called In.

New York, June 27.—The case of Henry Thaw, the murderer of Stanford White, is attracting widespread attention. Other sensations are promised as the result of a conference between Acting District Attorneys Not and Jarman, today. Notices were sent to a number of witnesses and friends of White to visit the district attorney's office, where they will be examined as to stories in regard to the character of White. It is apparent that the district attorney's office realizes that stories about White must be smothered or they will carry considerable weight with the jury in the event Thaw is ever placed on trial for the murder of the architect.

## FAVORS TAFT

JUSTICE BREWER LAUNCHES A  
ROOM AT YALE.

Safely Guided Country Through Phil-  
ippine Situation—Tribute of a  
Lawyer.

New Haven, Conn., June 27.—This was Alumni Day at Yale, when hundreds of old graduates, coming from every quarter of the country, gathered at Alumni Hall to listen to the annual report of President Arthur T. Hadley, of the university, and to hear words of greeting from a few of the many sons of Yale who have won distinction in business life. President Hadley in his report said that the financial condition of Yale was much better now than in past years. Before the Alumni gathering there were many class reunions.

Justice David Brewer, '56, who was one of the speakers at the alumni meeting, referred to Secretary Taft as a man who had safely guided the country through the intricacies of the Philippine situation; and was at present carrying on successfully the great canal problem, and predicted "that he would carry to the presidency the same strength of character he has shown in dealing with other problems."

## POLICY HOLDERS

FORM LEAGUE TO PROTECT  
THEMSELVES IN FRISCO.

Over Hundred Millions Represented  
in New Organization in Stricken  
City.

San Francisco, June 27.—At a meeting of the holders of insurance policies with a total face value of \$100,000,000, steps were taken to form an organization to be called the "Policyholders Protective League." The organization will prosecute claims of policyholders against companies. Most speeches were moderate.

### Joins Children at Oyster Bay.

Washington, June 27.—Mrs. Roosevelt left for Oyster Bay. The children of President and Mrs. Roosevelt are already at their summer home.

## AWNINGS TOO HIGH MERCHANTS ARGUE

Shut Out Light and Ventila-  
tion of Store.

Could Be Lower Foot or Two With-  
out Interfering With Rights of  
Pedestrians.

### AN ORDINANCE MAY BE DRAWN

An ordinance, providing for what the retail merchants consider a reasonable regulation of awnings, will be requested of the general council at the next meeting. A committee of their association now has the matter in charge and will appear before the lower board.

The present requirement for awnings is nine feet above the sidewalk. In the majority of instances, where this ordinance is complied with the transoms over the doors are covered and light and ventilation is shut out of the stores. In reality, few awnings comply with the regulation, and yet it is demonstrated that a person can walk under them, holding an umbrella over his head. Seven or eight feet, it is argued is sufficiently high for an awning, and the requirement probably will be reduced.

### FIDO, HEAVY LADEN, CASHES IN

"Tummy" Reveals Junk Which  
Would Make Any Dog Mad.

Chicago, June 27.—It was enough to make any dog mad or at least irritable. The veterinary thought it wasn't greatly to be wondered at that he bit two children. Here is what he found in Fido's "tummy" yesterday after the fice had died: Seven ten-penny nails, five shingle-nails, one large pocket-knife, two tobacco tags, two corks, three pieces of cloth, three cat's toe nails.

### CHECK UPON BIDS.

Secretary Bonaparte Gets Govern-  
ment to Bid On Battleships.

Washington, June 27.—As a check upon the bids opened last Saturday for the construction of the 16,000-ton battleships South Carolina and Michigan Secretary Bonaparte has secured estimates for the construction of such ships from the New York and Mare Island yards. The Mare Island bid for each ship was \$3,657,773, and New York \$4,073,645.

### BYSTANDERS WOUNDED.

Negroes Fight With Pistols and Hit  
Three Persons.

Hickman, Ky., June 27.—Willette Smith and Will Douglas, negroes, engaged in a pistol fight yesterday as passengers were leaving an excursion boat from Cairo, Ill., shooting E. Riley, white, foreman of the Cumberland Telephone company, of Nashville, and two negroes, but none fatally.

### Said Dowie was Delirious.

Chicago, Ill., June 27.—Miss Elizabeth McLennan, a nurse who accompanied John Alexander Dowie to Mexico and Jamaica, testified in the hearing before Judge Landis to determine the ownership of Zion City properties, that Dowie during that trip was delirious the greater part of the time.

### Report Denied.

Louisville, Ky., June 27.—The report published in the local newspapers that the plant of the Louisville Packing company, a branch of Cudahy & Co., would be closed in a few days, is denied in a telegram from John Cudahy of Chicago.

### Claims Self-Defense.

Louisville, Ky., June 27.—Louis Coons, a fireman, last night shot and killed Thomas Varble, an employee in the round house of the Pennsylvania road. There were no witnesses. He was arrested and claims self-defense.

### Quietly Lynched.

Meridian, Miss., June 27.—An unknown negro was quietly lynched by a mob at DeKalb, Kemper county, for what was believed to have been an attempt to criminally assault Mrs. James Young, proprietor of a store.

### Kentucky Postmasters.

Washington, June 27.—Postmasters appointed: Coalport, Knox county, John B. Jones; Rock Castle, Trigg county, Andrew J. Hendricks; Rose Hill, Mercer county, Wm. A. Taylor.

## CLUTCHING REINS GILLEN IS FOUND

Horse Stands Guard Over Body  
of Dead Master.

Well Known McCracken County Char-  
acter Meets Violent Death by  
Accident.

### HAPPENS IN GRAVES COUNTY.

Bruce Gillen, farmer and well known character of Western Kentucky, is no more. He was killed in an accident near Leader, Graves county, Ky., last night shortly after 9:30 o'clock, while en route home from Meher, but the body was not found until this morning. Every indication points to an accidental death. The horse either ran away and threw Gillen out or trampled him under foot after he left the buggy. Gillen, even after death held onto the reins, and they were found tightly clutched in the dead man's hands.

Denton Matthis, a farmer of the Meher section, made the discovery at 5 o'clock this morning. Leader is located just south of the McCracken county line in Graves county. It is between the county line and Meher. Last night Gillen left his home in the Florence Station neighborhood for Meher. He passed Leader early in the night. At 9:30 o'clock he re-passed en route home. At that hour he passed the house of J. L. Thomas and this was the last seen or heard of him until his dead body was found this morning.

Denton Matthis was driving from Meher to Paducah. He approached a bridge which spans a branch of Mayfield creek. A horse detached from the buggy standing at one side of the road attracted his attention and he drew rein to investigate.

Matthis found Gillen's body under the front part of the buggy, the singletree resting on the breast. The horse was standing close by looking at the prostrate form. The lines were firmly clutched in Gillen's right hand which had grown stiff in death. The body was cold and death must have come several hours before, probably instantly. No marks, from a hasty inspection, could be seen and the coroner and other county officials in Graves were notified of the discovery.

### Bruce Gillen's Life.

Bruce Gillen was probably the widest known character in this end of the state. He was 45 years old. He was born near Colliersville, a few miles below Paducah on the Mayfield road, and had lived in this section all his life. He was a drinking man and when under the influence of liquor was dangerous. Gillen's visits to this city were invariably marked by some sensational episode ending in a fine, and it is estimated that in the past ten years his fines in police court aggregated hundreds of dollars, costs and all.

Gillen was married and is survived by two sons, Charles and Galen Gillen, both at home. He had one brother, Alfred Gillen, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Eden, residing in the Eden Hill neighborhood, and Mrs. Massie, wife of the ex-magistrate.

Walter Coleman, a resident of Leader, is probably the only person who heard Gillen's voice before death. He stated this morning:

"Gillen was drunk when he left Leader. He was shouting as he usually does when drinking, and I heard him across the bridge. I heard shouts after the bridge was crossed but paid no attention to them. I believe now he was shouting for help and that death was not instantaneous.

"I inspected the body this morning and would say that Gillen crossed the bridge all right but when nearing the gravel must have veered a little and gone over the side of the bridge. This probably frightened his horse and it overturned the buggy. Gillen, from appearances, was caught between the horse and front wheels. The horse was stripped of harness and the buggy overturned. When found Gillen's face was scratched, indicating that he had been dragged. The marks of the buggy also indicate that it was overturned from the bridge and dragged a short distance."

Dr. M. E. Thomas, of Folsomdale, was called and made an examination of the body. He found that the neck was broken in two places, the head evidently having been caught in the spokes of the wheel or under the buggy when it turned over.

Coroner D. A. Saffold of Mayfield, held an inquest and the verdict was that Gillen came to his death while drunk by falling or being thrown from

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday showers, is the forecast. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 89 and the lowest reached this morning was 70.

### The Funeral.

The body was prepared for burial by undertakers this afternoon and the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at the residence. The burial will be in the Gillen cemetery.

### FAMILY KILLED.

Covered Wagon Struck by Train of  
Ohio Central.

Belmont, Ohio, June 27.—John Burke, with his wife and daughter, en route from Indiana to Buckrus to visit relatives, was struck by an Ohio Central train near here this morning. All are fatally injured. The horse was killed. The covered wagon in which they were traveling was wrecked.

### CAPT. WYNNE GUILTY.

Resignation From Navy Will Be  
Asked by President.

Washington, June 27.—The court martial which recently tried Captain R. F. Wynne, United States marine corps on charges of insubordination, was found him guilty and recommended his dismissal from the service. The case was put in the hands of the president today and he approved the recommendation of the navy department.

### Back to London.

Kiel, June 27.—Congressman Longworth and Mrs. Longworth left Kiel, last evening for London. They could have spent two or three days more here pleasantly had it not been for their London engagements.

### Mud From Vesuvius.

Naples, June 27.—Mount Vesuvius today sent a heavy shower of mud over Torre del Greco.

## "SMARTNESS"

ONLY INNOVATION TO BE  
ACHIEVED THROUGH WINTERS

English Tailor's Tampering With the  
Army Uniform Will Not Hurt  
Labor.

Washington, June 27.—In reply to one of the labor organizations, which protested that the "importation" of George V. Winters, an English tailor, by the war department to bring the uniforms of the United States army up to the English standard in the matter of "smartness" was a violation of the contract labor law, Acting Secretary Oliver has addressed a letter to the labor organization in which he says:

"Mr. Winters was not engaged in constructing new models for our uniforms or to make the slightest change in them, he is only to revise and modify the patterns by which the clothing is cut, with the idea of improving the set of the garments and introducing into their general appearance a more distinctively military effect and to make samples of the same from patterns, but according to our established specifications."

## LOCKSTEP

NO LONGER TELL-TALE GAIT OF  
EX-CONVICT.

Illinois Prison Officials Discard Sys-  
tem for Military Stride in  
Marching.

Chicago, June 27.—Progressive penology has doomed the lock step in prisons of Illinois. The trustees in instructions at Chester and Joliet ordered the abolition of this system of marching prisoners single file, and today the military marching method was instituted at both prisons.

### Retires From Service.

Paris, June 27.—General Brugere, commander-in-chief of the French army, retired today from active service, having reached the age limit.

## KEY CONFIRMED AS POSTMASTER

First District Contests Dis-  
posed of by Senate.

House Passed Senate Bill for Lock  
Type Canal—Ready for the  
President.

### POST OFFICE APPROPRIATION.

Washington, June 27.—The senate in executive session confirmed the following nominations of postmasters in Kentucky: O. A. Reynolds, Covington; G. W. Bury, Clinton; T. F. Beadle, Fulton; L. W. Key, Mayfield; L. F. Petty, Shelbyville; Edna J. Kirk, Paintsville; H. Westerfield, Seebree.

### No Date for Adjournment.

Washington, D. C., June 27.—Congress started in yesterday content in the belief that this would be "go-away week," but the day's developments were such as to change the situation materially. The date for final adjournment will not be set until the rate bill is off the the ways.

### Brig-Gen. Baldwin Retired.

Washington, June 27.—Brigadier General Frank D. Baldwin, commanding the Southwestern military division, with headquarters at Oklahoma City, was placed on the retired list today by the operation of the law on account of age. The vacancy in the list of brigadier generals, caused by his retirement will be filled by the promotion of Col. Walter T. Duggan, now in command of the First Infantry in the Philippines.

### House Passes Senate Bill.

Washington, June 27.—The house today on motion of Hepburn, of Iowa, took the senate bill providing the isthmian canal shall be a lock canal from the speaker's desk and passed it without debate. The bill now only lacks the signature of the president to become the law. The entire proceedings occupied less than two minutes.

### Signs Post-Office Bill.

Washington, June 27.—The president today signed the post-office appropriation bill.

### Scale Committee Meets.

Athens, O., June 27.—The joint scale committee of the miners and operators will meet today, but it is not likely that all details of the settlement of the scale for the Hocking Valley will be worked out. It is thought the operators finally will sign the scale demanded by the miners.

### FIND DYNAMITE UNDER CHURCH

Warring Factions Causing Trouble at  
Princeton, Ind.

Princeton, Ind., June 27.—Two pounds of dynamite were found concealed under a rear corner of the Olive Branch Baptist church here Sunday, and the officers are making an investigation. Had the dynamite exploded the church would have been blown to pieces. There has been considerable trouble in the church recently, there being two warring factions.

### "IMMORTAL J. N."

Takes Last Free Journey From This  
Earth.

Toledo, O., June 27.—J. N. Free, the "immortal J. N." died at the asylum for the insane today. Free was a national character, having traveled all over the country without paying railroad fare or hotel bills.

### To Defend Title.

London, June 27.—Accommodation has been secured on board the Atlantic Transport Line steamer Minnetonka, sailing September 1, for the rifle team of the "Queen's Own Westminster Volunteers," who will defend the title to the Sir Howard Vincent shield at Creedmoor October 2 and 3 against the Seventh Regiment National Guard of New York.

### Saturday Half Holiday.

Washington, D. C., June 27.—Saturday half holidays during July, August and September have been granted by President Roosevelt, to skilled mechanics and laborers, and to all employees in the classified service of the navy yards and naval stations in the United States.